

# THE RICHMOND DISPATCH—THURSDAY, JULY 25, 1895.

## POSTMASTER DEGGE.

He is Looking After Norfolk's Interests  
in Washington.

EX-SENATOR EPPA HUNTON.

He Will Doubtless Take a Hand in  
Virginia's Legislative Fight—Gor-  
man in Control in Maryland—  
Romance of Richmonders.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 24.—(Special)—Postmaster Degge, of Norfolk, is among the Virginia visitors. He has been once more looking into the prospects for eventually getting a new post-office building for the city of which he is the postmaster, and he takes back home with him a copy of the report of the Supervising Architect of the Treasury, with a view of posting himself on the amounts expended and the character of the government structures in other places.

It goes without saying that Norfolk is greatly in need of a post-office building. Fully five years ago Congress voted an appropriation of \$30,000 for the purpose, but since then about \$30,000 has been expended in the purchase of the site, and incidental expenses have also been incurred. As it has been decided to make an entirely new building for the post-office, it will be necessary to amend the original act. Congressman Tyler had a bill to effect pending in the last House, and he wanted an additional appropriation also; but it was impossible to get any measures of the kind through.

Mr. Degge hopes that something can be done next session, and between now and the meeting of Congress facts and figures will be presented to show that \$30,000 will not put up such a building as Norfolk ought to have. The receipts of the office are increasing right along, and the department is to blame all along for the postponement in the matter of allowing extra clerks and letter-carriers, besides increasing the salaries of some of the older clerks in the office.

GENERAL HUNTON.

General Eppa Hunton made a visit to the city this week. The ex-Senator is looking very well. He sits in most of his time at his Warrenton home, and no doubt will be heard from in the legislative campaign this year, for he is ever ready to lend a helping hand to the Democracy. General Hunton expects to spend next winter in Washington as usual and in fact he maintains an office here most of the year, going backward and forward to Warrenton as occasion demands.

It is understood the Confederate Veterans' Association of Washington, which is composed largely of Virginians and North Carolinians, received a surprise of the era of the Civil War at Massillon Hall Monday night. It will go to the charity fund of the organization.

GORMAN IN CONTROL.

A former Virginian, who now is a resident of Baltimore, who makes frequent visits to this city, thinks there is not the slightest doubt that Senator Gorman and his followers will control the Maryland State Democratic Convention next Wednesday, nominate a ticket to their liking, and elect that ticket by the usual majority in November in spite of the walls of the Mugwump element.

It had been predicted for months that Senator Gorman would be crushed this year, but he seems to be as strong as ever with the Democratic masses of the party in Maryland. Some of the men and newspapers announced the formation of a new and disintegrating Gorman compromise bill, but not that trade is reviving and the wages of workmen are being increased everywhere the laws alluded to as "cuckoo" speak of the benefits of the "Wilson bill."

When the tariff fight was in progress in Congress it was repeatedly shown in the Dispatches correspondence that but for Senator Gorman's firm stand, coal and iron-ore, two of Virginia's great products, would have been put on the free list, thus placing the value-owners of the State at the mercy of the New England manufacturers, and the latter were not going to be hurt much by the removal of the tariff in the House on the manufactured articles into which iron and coal enter. Virginians in this city are very fond of Senator Gorman. They regard him as a level-headed, able, and practical man; and in addition to his work on the tariff, they constantly aid to the grand and successful fight against the free bill—a measure aimed directly at the South.

POSTAL NOTES.

A post-office, to be known at Neathery, has been established in Halifax county, with Joseph H. Neathery as postmaster.

After August 17th special mail-service will be discontinued as follows:

Virginia—From Stratford-on-the-Potowmuck, Dickenson county, from Farmville, to Sano, Prince Edward county; from Stratford to Tazewell, Dickenson county.

North Carolina—From High Square to Bryantown, Northampton county; from State Road to Chatham, Surry county.

Star service will also be discontinued after August 17th from Felper to Wardsburg, in Virginia.

J. P. Graves was to-day appointed postmaster at Seville, Madison county, Va., vice Z. S. Rundhush, resigned; and Mrs. C. F. Lee, at Reynoldson, Gates county, N. C., vice J. T. Ware, deceased.

MATRIMONIAL.

A runaway couple from Richmond arrived in Washington to-day, and they were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony in the parlors of the Metropolitan Hotel. Mr. L. B. Bishop is the groom, and the bride was Miss Blanche Buford, of one of the prominent families of the city.

The young lady is just "sweet sixteen," and she only 21. It is understood that they eloped because there was opposition to the proposed marriage on the part of the bride's father, but her mother is reported to have been in favor of the match.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Alex. N. Rich, of the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Bishop is employed at the Allen & Ginter offices in Richmond.

Y. M. C. A. BUILDING BURNED.

The Washington Structure a Total Loss—Other Losses.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Shortly before 6 o'clock this morning fire destroyed the building of the Young Men's Christian Association on New York avenue, with all its contents. The fire spread from the reading-room, in rear of the Young Men's Christian Association building, to the building occupied by C. E. Bryant as a grocery store, and then to James H. Lambert's hardware store. Mr. Bryant's grocery stock was valued at \$1,000, insurance, \$600. The building was worth \$20,000, and was fully insured. Mr. Lambert's loss will be confined to hardware on the top floor. The Young Men's Christian Association is a total loss, and the insurance amount \$20,000, and was insured for \$4,000.

Mr. Charles Young, a member of the association, was on the scene in time to rescue a number of papers, which include all the records.

The Hopkins, of A. C. A. had his hand badly cut by flying glass.

Mr. James E. Pugh, the secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, occupied the upper story of the building, and Mr. Pugh is now out of the city, however, and their loss cannot be ascertained.

TO RESTORE A VIRGINIA FLAG.

The Mission of a Syracuse Man to  
Richmond.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., July 24.—(Special)—Elias Titus of this city, left for Richmond this morning, having in his possession a flag captured by his father's regiment, the 122d New York Volunteers. The flag was taken during the Peninsular campaign, and was given to Mr. Titus' father, Colonel Elias Titus, by General Peck, to whose division the 122d was then attached, with the instructions that it be presented to the Mayor of

Syracuse. But it was allowed to remain in Colonel Titus' possession, and he has kept it ever since, and has never used it. The flag is that of a regiment of the Virginia State troops, and is the State flag of Virginia. Colonel Titus does not remember what regiment it was, but it was the 122d, and there are no marks on it to show the regiment. At his home, No. 312 McBryde street, Colonel Titus is gradually awaiting the call of the Great Commander. Patient and long-suffering, he even that his days in this world must be.

A DYING INJUNCTION.

This morning he called his family to his bedside, among them his son, Silas, and his wife, and with a dying effort he fondled the torn silk, and turning to his son, said: "My son, this flag and I have been to trial and suffering, much as few have been compelled to do. It was captured by my brave men in our battle, and it has been my wish for many years to restore it with my own hands to those valiant men from whom it was captured. But my condition precludes the possibility of my doing this, and I want you to take it back to Richmond, and to give it in the hands of the officers of the regiment from whom it was captured, if they still live. If it is given to the Confederate Veterans' Association, and say that the man who assisted in its taking would have restored it to its former owners had he not been on his death-bed."

Colonel Titus is an old and respected resident of the city, and his end is rapidly approaching. He was noted for his frankness, and while a Adjunct of the Twelfth New York, during the capture of "Dare Devil Dick." He is a staunch member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is a well-known figure in all its operations. Possessing an independent fortune, he has since the war been a gentleman of leisure, and is renowned for his courtesy and manners. Colonel Titus has endeared himself not only to his countrymen, but to the citizens of Syracuse, and many others.

Present Alexander says the conference was not satisfied with this, and so no agreement was arrived at. The Southern did not make any provision in regard to the re-equipment of the division of the road between Greensboro and Selma. There was simple proposition to renew lease on the present term and nothing more.

Present Alexander says the conference

was adjourned sub judice.

NEW COTTON-MILL.

Stock is subscribed for an 8,000-spindle

cotton-mill at Lumberton. B. Godwin is elected president. Work on the building is to begin in thirty days.

SCHOOL OF ENGLISH BIBLE.

ITS Second Week—The Bible In  
State Universities."

ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 21.—The School

of English Bible, which has proven so

popular, will close its first week to mor-

row under Dr. White, of Washington and Lee University.

The second week will be conducted by

Dr. Gross Alexander, of Vanderbilt Uni-

versity. The school numbers over 400.

The faculty conference held yes-

terday afternoon at Central High

School was attended by about twenty-five

professors and ministers. The subject

"The Bible in State Universities," pro-

voked a lively discussion, which was taken

part in by Dr. Alexander, Davidson Col-

lege, N. C.; Dr. Ogle of Georgia; Dr.

White, of Lexington, and others.

Dr. Ogle maintained that a feeling of antago-

nism to a State institution by a denomina-

tional college did no good.

If the Bible in State schools, an

general would do well.

General Eaton said denominational in-

stitutions are largely to blame because of

the methods of teaching the Bible.

The method were improved, State

schools would soon also improve in this

respect.

Dr. John M. Gregory spoke last night to a large audience on the Bible in State schools, and that the railroads civilization could exist without the Bible being the foundation of it.

Dr. Clifton, of Anniston, Ala., spoke

this afternoon on the Bible and Sabbath-giv-

ing. His address was an able discus-

sion of the subject.

CITY IN REBELLION.

State Authority Defied—Prohibition  
Law the Trouble.

TOPEKA, KAN., July 21.—The city of

Wichita is in open rebellion against the

authority of Governor Merrill in his at-

tempt to enforce the prohibition laws.

The three members of the Missouri Police Committee and the Police Judge of

Topeka to this city yesterday to con-

fer with the Governor relative to the

obstacles put in their way in their at-

tempt to enforce the law. The Com-

munity is in open rebellion against the

law, and the police force is in open re-

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